PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, In an era when technological advancement has brought to our Nation an almost unbelievable array of conveniences and comforts, we still are plagued by the hazard of man's oldest implement for self-preservation -- fire. The potential dangers associated with fire still present a real threat to human life and property; and

WHEREAS, The present level of our annual fire losses -- more than 12,000 lives and over $2 billion in property -- is a measure of our failure to heed fire hazards and to correct them; and

WHEREAS, It is essential that every citizen recognize that such losses can be avoided, but only by personal involvement, determination, and a realization that fires need not occur.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANK L. FARRAR, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby designate the week beginning October 5, 1969, as:

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

and I urge that we, as a State and as individual citizens, assume a positive approach to fire prevention through the support of community fire departments, local governments, the National Fire Protection Association, business and civic groups, and public organizations that are trying to combat the senseless waste of human life and national resources.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 19th day of September in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine.

Frank L. Farrar

FRANK L. FARRAR, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE